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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 4 OCTOBER 2011

President Jim Hunt called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm and asked John Baldi to lead us in the Pledge to the Flag. Because Kay was in Hawaii, Ginny took notes. There were several other missing members including Vice President Dave Jones but we had 5 guests who were warmly welcomed by Jim. There were Melinda and Chris from Bonita, who now live in La Jolla, their friends Laura and Chris from Bonita, and Steve Young, who attended one earlier meeting. Jim interviewed each and asked what they collected. All collect coins, U.S. and/or foreign.

The President noted that he had visited Roger Sullivan recently and reported that Roger has resigned himself to staying in this facility. Mike Shaw asked Jim if Roger is receiving the Bulletin

that he sends to him. Jim reported that Roger was complaining that he does not receive it. Jim promised to get with the person in charge of Roger's mail and ask her to take it to him.

The Secretary's minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the bulletin with no corrections.

Treasurer Ken Spindler presented his report showing a balance of $2,548.48. The report was approved as read.

The President reported that Ellen Hunt and Dorothy Baber decided to stay on the Board. If there are no further nominations, they will be installed in January.

At the last meeting, we discussed striking a medal to commemorate the 75th anniversary for SDNS. Dorothy reported that she found the dies in question in the garage in a special box that Al made for them. She brought in the 25-year die, which was made by Medallic Art Co., the 50-year die, which was made by Masterpiece Medallions, and the reverse die for these medals. The 25-year die was cancelled but the 50-year die was not cancelled. The reverse die that we need appears to be in good shape. Jim announced that he would like a board meeting at

5:30 before our regular meeting in November to discuss the direction the club wants to go regarding striking a medal. Estimated cost is $500 plus material, if Masterpiece Medallions (Lee Kuntz) makes the obverse die. Mike Shaw brought in 2 medal depictions sent to him by Bob Fritsch. Bob said his club designs the medal and sends the design overseas to be struck. They are happy with the quality. Their cost is only $99 per die.

The President asked for a volunteer host for November and Greg Knox volunteered to bring refreshments.

The President reminded all that the November meeting will be our donation auction and that members should bring numismatic items only such as coins, medals or books. The money collected will be used to purchase gifts for the members to be presented at the installation dinner.

The President announced that since the treasury has enough money on hand, we should consider getting honey-baked ham as well as turkey for the December meeting dinner. Members would bring potluck as usual but the club will furnish the meat. Dorothy put this into a motion, seconded by Ken Spindler and so moved. Jim will ask Vice President Dave Jones to

purchase the ham because he bought one for the Chula Vista Coin Club meeting dinner.

Ken Spindler volunteered to reserve January 3 at Coco's for the installation dinner. Our speaker will be Jim Wells, who will talk about the War of 1812.

Ken Aring will be our speaker at the December potluck. As it now stands he will probably give us a slide show on the coins of the Dutch Republic period in the Netherlands.

SHOW & TELL – My Favorite Coin or Story

Jim Hunt shared his tale of the high-grade 1794 dollar, which sold in 1973 and set a record at that time for being the most expensive coin. Jim contacted the buyer and asked him to bring it to the CSNA Convention held in San Diego, which he did once Jim promised to have press coverage there. The coin had guards posted by it, but when it became time to leave, Jim could not find the owner, so he had to hang on to it for a while.

Les Peich shared his story of McDermott's 1913 nickel, which he almost bought. The asking price was $25,500, but Les only had $25,000, and no one would loan him the other $500

Larry Baber told how he collects Mormon paper currency and scrip for buying produce, etc. At an ANA convention many years ago he found a piece of scrip in very nice condition for $75, which he thought might be too high, so he asked Bob Campbell to check it out. Bob told Larry it was OK to buy at that price, then he pestered Larry across the floor trying to buy it from him for ever-increasing amounts. It turned out to be in much better condition than the example held by the Church in its archives. Larry also told about when he was in charge of exhibits at an ANA show and he took the exhibit case which was going to be used to show an 1804 silver dollar, and drilled through the bottom of the case and right through the table it sat on, to bolt the case down to the table. At the San Diego ANA Convention chaired by Al Baber in 1968 McDermott brought his 1913 nickel to show and had it placed directly on a piece of cloth draped over a pedestal near the entrance to the show, so Al immediately hired 2 guards to watch over the coin until the show ended.

Mike Shaw brought in several MacGregor Memorial Medals, awarded two per year for the most notable exploration or reconnaissance by a member of the Armed Forces in British India. The large version was awarded to officers, and the smaller version to enlisted men. In 1991 Mike wrote an article about

these medals which was featured in the Journal of the Orders and Medals Society of America. They were awarded beginning in the 1880s and continue to be awarded (rarely) after Indian Independence.

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drunk and an opium addict, to give as gifts to his household staff on New Year's Day. He had a similar coin made around the same time by the leader of the T'ai-p'ing rebellion, who was trying to overthrow the emperor. The rebel leader claimed to be the brother of Jesus Christ. This coin was produced for his household staff as a New Year's present, too, but it was of very inferior quality. Such coins are known as "curtain hanging money." Ken also had a Russian 5-kopecks coin which had been counterstamped in 1796 to become a 10-kopecks coin by Catherine the Great, to try to solve her government's financial woes, but Catherine died before the coins were released, and her son who succeeded her immediately had them re-struck again as 5 kopecks, using old dies. He had always disagreed with the plan. The pieces were hard to read! Ken brought in a rare 1944 20-mark coin from the ghetto in Lodz, Poland. Jews and gypsies were enslaved there by the German Nazis, forced to work to support the German Army, but only 20 days after this coin was issued the ghetto residents were all sent to concentration camps where most of them were killed. Ken also brought a 1790's French coin that looks like it was made into a machine part (a gear), and one piece of 1792 paper money from the French Revolution. On its back an innkeeper had totaled the bill for about 2 weeks of meals that a customer owed, written in quill and ink.

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Dorothy Baber served the pumpkin bread that Kay furnished to the club.

After the drawing, the meeting was adjourned about 7:50 pm. We ran a little late because of all the stories.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Bourke for Kay Lenker

SDNS MEMBER BOB FRITSCH RECEIVES ANA MEDAL OF MERIT

On the next page is a photo of SDNS Member Bob Fritsch's Medal of Merit Plaque received at the recent annual ANA Convention in Rosemont, IL.

Congratulations to Bob on his well-deserved award. We hope that he will be able to attend one of our meetings soon (Bob lives in New Hampshire).

American Numismatic Association

Medal of Merit

Honoring

Robert F. Frisch

For dedication to the numismatic hobby,

distinguished service and continuous support of the

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Chicago, Illinois

August 2011

NOVEMBER DRAWING COINS

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

1. EISENHOWER $1 BROWN BOX PROOF

2. COINARAMA MEDAL, 1980, DESERT TORTOISE

3. BAHAMAS, PROOF COINS, $ .01, .05, .10, .15, .25

4. 1991 PROOF SET

5. GERMANY 2011 2 EUROS

6. GEORGIA QUARTER 2009-S SILVER PROOF

7. MERCURY DIME, 1939-D, XF-AU

8. PAKISTAN ½ RUPEE, 1948

9. 1952 FRANKLIN HALF DOLLAR, UNC.

10. THAILAND, FAO, 1972 BAHT

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, November 1, 2011
6:15 p.m.
DONATION AUCTION OF
NUMISMATIC ITEMS
(BOARD MEETING AT 5:30)

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 1 NOVEMBER 2011

A Board Meeting was held before the regular meeting to discuss a medal for the Club's 75th Year. Jim Hunt presented examples of medals from Bob Fritsch, and Dorothy Baber had the dies from the previous medal struck by Masterpiece Medallions. A successful motion was made to strike 100 medals.

The regular meeting began with the Pledge to the Flag. Report of the recent CSNA Show was made by Jim Hunt. Ken Spindler won two Exhibit Awards and Jim Wells took Best of Show and the People's Choice, as well as first in his category. Ginny Bourke reported that the ANA would meet in Denver 10-12 May, and in Philadelphia 7-11 August 2012. Larry Baber will attend the ANA in Pittsburg as Treasurer.

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS: The theme for the County Fair (June 8-July 4) will be OUT OF THIS WORLD.

December meeting will be a pot luck, with the Club supplying a Honey Baked Ham. Dave Jones had a sign-up sheet for salads, sides, and desserts. Ken Spindler said he would bring lasagna, and Kay Lenker will do scalloped potatoes. Bring your plates, utensils, and appetites. Dinner will begin at 5:30. Speaker will be Ken Aring.
January meeting will be at Coco's on El Cajon Blvd. Speaker will be Jim Wells on "War of 1812."
Announcement was made of the Council Meeting on Saturday, 5 November.

The Auction of Donated Numismatic Items was conducted by Dave Jones, with Ginny Bourke as runner. The auction realized $272.75 for our Club. Thanks to all who participated! The Secretary collected dues and gave receipts. Cards will be available at the next meeting.

Raffle prizes were won by Barry Farris, Jim Hunt (2), Terry Tilton (3), Diane Barbieri, and Mike Shaw.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Edgerton Lenker, Secretary

DRAWING COINS FOR DECEMBER, 2010

1. 2011 Unc. Coin Set from Denver
2. Bahamas Type Coins, Unc. & Proof
1972 $.10, 1978 $.10; 1972 $.15; 1978 $.25
3. SDNS 50th Year Medal – Bright Bronze
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4. ATB – Yosemite, 3-Coin Set
5. Buffalo Nickels, 1935 & 1935S, XF
6. Mercury $.10, 1926-D, VF
7. Proof Set, 1990
8. Lincoln Cent, 1946-S, B.U.
9. Ukraine, 200,000 Karbovantsiv, 1995 KM10.2
10. Panama Bi-Metallic Balboa, 2011, New Issue

DECEMBER MEETING: POT LUCK DINNER
Bring a dish to share and bring your own plate, utensils, and napkins.

REMEMBER: DINNER BEGINS AT 5:30

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, December 6, 2011
POT LUCK DINNER – 5:30
MEETING TO FOLLOW
SPEAKER: KEN ARING

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